

# Raise your glass

Wines from the idyllic Helderberg Winelands



**The Helderberg Winelands, an area** renowned for its acclaimed red wines and classic whites. Here are three wines from cellars in this picturesque area.

### The Eikendal Classique

The latest vintage, Classique 2009, is driven by Merlot which adds abundant fruit layers and silky softness to the blend; it also boasts Cabernet Sauvignon and a classic touch of Cabernet Franc.

In the cellar the grapes were carefully hand-sorted, followed by slow fermentation and regular, soft pump-overs for optimal colour and flavour extraction. The three individual components spent 18 months in the barrels before they were blended together. The wine was bottle-aged for six months prior to its release.

### Yonder Hill Nicola 2008

This is a serious and elegantly poised red wine made with Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and a dash of Petit Verdot. Only the seven finest barrels were used to craft this cellar gem.

It is a wine that will age exceptionally well for up to eight years and is definitely well worth squirreling away in your cellar as there were only 2,000 bottles produced.

### Renaissance Chenin Blanc 2010

The overriding characteristic given to the Radford Dale Renaissance Chenin Blanc 2010 by its vines and environment is its complex mineralogy and persistent, yet elegant intensity. Notes of lemon pervade the quenching beam of acidity, penetrating and weaving through the ripe glycerol and lifting the gentle spice and biscuit flavours, carrying them on the citrus palate long after the wine is gone.



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